

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

March 3, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Dahman, Tyler, MacDonell, Knowles, (Garrick, Malik, late)

Absent: Johnson, Lee-Goodman

Police Liaison: Lt. Goodspeed

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Special Reports/Presentations: None

V. Approve Minutes: February 3, 2015 minutes.

Moved: Knowles; Seconded: Dahman; Yes: (5) No: (0); Absent 4 (Malik, Johnson, Garrick, Lee-Goodman. Motion carried.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Lt. Goodspeed reported no new hate crimes in HB in February. There were no updates on past crimes.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

MacDonell reported that the speaker was Cathy Green from the OC Water District. She reported that HB has water levels within normal spectrum and has a National Contingency plan monitoring ongoing water use. HB is in negotiations with Poseidon regarding developing a desalinization plant. Two important events will occur in April: HB Volunteer Expo on the 18th at Central Library; and Community Volunteer Expo on the 26th. MacDonell volunteered to work at the Community Volunteer Expo.

3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities

The Annual Awards event will be held on May 7th at the National Grove in Anaheim. Malik will email specifics to HRTF members.

4. HB Reads 2014 News/ Activities

Dagley announced the upcoming events:

March 11 at Oak View Library: Book discussion in Spanish

March 22 to 28: Barnes and Noble Book Fair—mention HBReads at checkout and HBReads receives a percent of the net proceeds.

March 26: Author Reception/ Fundraiser at Central Library

March 26: Author keynote speech at Central Library

March 28: Author Children's Book Event at Central Library

5. HRTF Donation Account Balance:

Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,872.87

VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Report form AD Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trip Committee:

No report due to absence of Lee-Goodman

2. Student Representative Programs

Dahman reported that 12 students attended the meeting. They were enthusiastic about the program and want to continue to meet monthly. There was consensus that they wanted to have a mixer activity in order to connect outside of the meeting. Seniors agreed to recruit new members for next year. Next meeting will be either March 19 or April 2 at 7:00. Dahman requested funds to host the mixer.

Authorize Dahman to spend up to \$75 for pizza and sodas at First Class Pizza for the student representatives: Moved: Malik; seconded: Knowles. Yes: (7) No: (0) Absent 2 (Johnson, Lee-Goodman) Motion carried.

Dagley requested that the Ad Hoc Student Planning committee meet prior to the next HRTF meeting to report on their recommendations regarding the goals, objectives, and strategy regarding the upcoming school year. Findings from the Ad Hoc Planning Committee reported at the February meeting included the need to identify program goals and objectives, purpose, and developing a strategy that supports the purpose. Kuhnke also reviewed possible new approaches recorded in the February minutes, including partnering with schools on programs already in existence, becoming more of a resource clearinghouse that could assist schools, obtaining guest speakers for assemblies, parent meetings, expansion of the MOT trips, etc.

Garrick reported that the Student Day of Dialogue will be held April 1st at Central Library. Kuhnke will check if the Talbert Room is available for that day so that outside food can be purchased and confirm the meeting date with the Council secretary.

Dagley will send email invitations to school administrators and forward last year's agenda to Don Han. MacDonell will attend the event and arrange for the food.

Authorized up to \$450 for food for the event: Moved: Knowles; seconded: MacDonell. Yes (7) No (0) Absent 2 (Johnson, Lee-Goodman) Motion carried.

3. Follow-up research to identify school response to new anti-bullying laws

MacDonell suggested that HRTF does not need to continue to follow-up with the schools since they are doing a good job of dealing with bullying and reporting it. HRTF members agreed to bring suggestions to next meeting for future topics for action.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Report of nominating committee regarding annual Election of Officers for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Motion to elect Janice Tyler as Secretary for the next year. Moved: MacDonell; seconded: Dahman. Yes (7) No (0) Absent 2 (Johnson, Lee-Goodman). Motion carried.

Motion to elect Angie Dahman as Vice Chair for next year. Moved: Knowles; seconded: MacDonell. Yes (7) No (0) Absent 2 (Johnson, Lee-Goodman). Motion carried.

Dagley has agreed to remain chair until June 2; MacDonell will assume the position at that time.

Motion to postpone election of chair until June 2; Joe Dagley will remain chair; Linda MacDonell will become chair at that time. Moved: Tyler; seconded; Garrick. Yes (7) No (0). Absent 2 (Johnson, Lee-Goodman). Motion carried.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Knowles wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day, acknowledging that the Irish were the first group to have civil rights marches in the US.

Kuhnke noted that the City Council will declare March as Women's History Month.

Tyler thanked Dagley for exemplary performance as Chair of HRTF.

Dahman thanked both Dagley and Garrick for their outstanding work as chair and vice chair of HRTF.

MacDonell suggested having a report of the use of the books donated to the libraries last year as an agenda item next month. Tyler agreed to follow up with the librarians and provide a report at the next meeting.

Garrick reported that the organizers of the Volunteer Day are looking for service projects for that day. He recommended having the student reps choose a project to perform together. Justserve.org is the website to access information on the Volunteer Day.

Adjournment at 8:15 pm to: April 7, 2015 @ Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.m.